Central assistance given to some districts of Orissa

*52. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of Central assistance given under different schemes to Jajpur, Cuttack, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi districts of Orissa;

(b) whether Government are aware that more than 60 per cent of this assistance is being misused and misappropriated in the above said districts; and

(c) the procedure and methodology applied by the Central Government to monitor and supervise these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) the total amount of Central assistance given to Jajpur, Cuttack, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi districts of Orissa during 2000-2001 under different schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development, namely, Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and DRDA Administration are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of District	2000-2001
Jajpur	3876.35
Cuttak	5544.45
Kendrapada	5120.55
Jagatsinghpur	7773.64
Koraput	1531.51

Name of District	2000-2001
Bolangir	1374.83
Kalahandi	1402.56

(b) Government have not received any information that more than 60 per cent of funds is being misused and misappropriated.

(c) The Ministry has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation of the programmes including utilisation of funds through mechanisms such as regular visits to the fields by officers of the Ministry of Rural Development, meetings of the Performance Review Committee, Periodic Progress Reports from State Government, Concurrent and Quick Evaluation of Programmes etc. Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have also been set up at State/District and Block levels. Minister of Rural Development has also been visiting various States for monitoring and supervising the programmes and impressing upon the need for effective and faster implementation of the Schemes. Involvement of people in the implementation of the Programmes is also encouraged.

Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension

*53. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of struggles in Kerala which have been accepted by Government for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension;

(b) the number of applications pending for the grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension from Kerala;

(c) whether it is a fact that Central Government has rejected majority of the applications from Kerala on filmsy grounds;

(d) whether Government propose to sanction Central Pension to those persons who are in receipt of State pension for the same struggle; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?